

The 4-Dimensional Sklyanin Algebra

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In this paper we show that the defining relations and central elements of degree two of the algebra $A(E, \tau)$ defined by E. K. Sklyanin in [4] satisfy simple functional equations. These equations allow us to give shorter proofs of some results in [1, 5, 7]. We also give an explicit construction of most line modules over $A(E, \tau)$ and describe the annihilators of these modules. © 1994 Academic Press, Inc.

1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Fix $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im}(\eta) > 0$, and write $A = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\eta$.

For each integer $p \geq 0$ and each $ab \in \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ let Θ_{ab}^p denote the space of holomorphic functions on \mathbb{C} such that

$$f(z+1) = e^{-\pi i a} f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad f(z+\eta) = e^{-\pi i b - p\pi i(2z+\eta)} f(z)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Such functions are called *theta functions* of weight p and characteristic ab . We have $\dim \Theta_{ab}^p = p$.

Let $\theta_{00}, \theta_{01}, \theta_{10}, \theta_{11}$ be Jacobi's four theta functions associated to A , as in Weber's book [10, p. 71]. Thus $\theta_{ab} \in \Theta_{ab}^1$. The only zero of θ_{ab} in the fundamental parallelogram is at $z = (1-b)/2 + ((1+a)/2)\eta$ and for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ we have $\theta_{ab}(-z) = (-1)^{ab} \theta_{ab}(z)$.

Fix $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ such that τ is not of order 4 in \mathbb{C}/A . Write V for the vector space Θ_{00}^4 . Let $\{X_{11}, X_{00}, X_{01}, X_{10}\}$ be the basis of V , where $X_{ab}(z) = \gamma_{ab} \theta_{ab}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(2z)$ with $\tau_{11} = \gamma_{00} = i$ and $\gamma_{01} = \gamma_{10} = 1$. Define $E = j_\tau(\mathbb{C}/A)$, where $j_\tau: \mathbb{C}/A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V^*) = \mathbb{P}^3$ is given by

$$j_\tau(z) = (X_{11}(z), X_{00}(z), X_{01}(z), X_{10}(z))$$

with respect to the homogeneous coordinates $X_{11}, X_{00}, X_{01}, X_{10}$. Let (ab, ij, kl) be a cyclic permutation of $(00, 01, 10)$ and define $\alpha_{ab} = (-1)^{a+b} [\theta_{11}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(\tau) / \theta_{ij}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(\tau)]^2$.

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The 4-dimensional Sklyanin algebra associated to (E, τ) is defined to be the quotient of the tensor algebra

$$A(E, \tau) := T(V)/I,$$

where I is generated by its six dimensional subspace $I_2 \subseteq V \otimes V$ with basis

$$f_{ab} = X_{11} \otimes X_{ab} - X_{ab} \otimes X_{11} - \alpha_{ab}(X_{ij} \otimes X_{kl} + X_{kl} \otimes X_{ij}),$$

$$f'_{ab} = X_{11} \otimes X_{ab} + X_{ab} \otimes X_{11} - X_{ij} \otimes X_{kl} - X_{kl} \otimes X_{ij}.$$

The algebras $A(E, \tau)$ were defined by Sklyanin in [4]. Since E and τ will be fixed throughout the paper, we will just write A for $A(E, \tau)$.

Let $f \in V \otimes V$. Since elements of V are holomorphic functions on \mathbb{C} , we will view f as a holomorphic function on \mathbb{C}^2 in the obvious way. Furthermore, since with respect to each coordinate f is an element of Θ_{00}^4 , the zeros of f can be viewed as points of $\mathbb{C}^2/A^2 \cong E^2$.

The main result in Section 2 is Theorem 2.2 which gives a criterion for $f \in V \otimes V$ to be an element of I . A consequence of this criterion is an easy proof of the fact discovered by Sklyanin, that the space of meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C} is an A -module. Similarly, in Proposition 2.5 we give a necessary and sufficient condition for $\tilde{\Omega} \in V \otimes V$ to be a preimage of a central element of A .

In Section 3 we apply above results to give an explicit construction of most line modules over A and describe their annihilators. Furthermore, we present shorter proofs of some results in [1].

2. FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

The defining relations for A satisfy a simple functional equation. The rest of the paper exploits this equation.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $f \in V \otimes V$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}$. If for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$*

$$\frac{f(x, y - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau)} + c \frac{f(y, x - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(y - x + 2\tau)} = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

then f vanishes on $\Delta_\tau = \{(p, p + \tau) : p \in E\}$.

Proof. Set $y = x + 2\tau$. Then $\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau) = 0$ and since $4\tau \neq 0$, we have $\theta_{11}(y - x + 2\tau) \neq 0$. Therefore we must have cancelation of poles, so $f(x, x + \tau) = 0$. ■

THEOREM 2.2. Let $f \in V \otimes V$. Then $f \in I_2$ if and only if for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\frac{f(x, y - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau)} - \frac{f(y, x - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(y - x + 2\tau)} = 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. We will first show that f_{ab} and f'_{ab} satisfy (2.2). Since $\gamma_{ij}\gamma_{kl} = -(-1)^{a+b}\gamma_{11}\gamma_{ab}$, for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ab}(x, y - \tau) &= \gamma_{11}\gamma_{ab} [\theta_{11}(\tau) \theta_{11}(2x) \theta_{ab}(-\tau) \theta_{ab}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad - \theta_{ab}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(2x) \theta_{11}(-\tau) \theta_{11}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{a+b} (\theta_{ij}(\tau) \theta_{ij}(2x) \theta_{kl}(-\tau) \theta_{kl}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad - \theta_{kl}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(2x) \theta_{ij}(-\tau) \theta_{ij}(2y - 2\tau))], \\ f'_{ab}(x, y - \tau) &= \gamma_{11}\gamma_{ab} \frac{\theta_{11}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(\tau)}{\theta_{ij}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(\tau)} [\theta_{ij}(\tau) \theta_{11}(2x) \theta_{kl}(-\tau) \theta_{ab}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad - \theta_{kl}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(2x) \theta_{ij}(-\tau) \theta_{11}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad + \theta_{11}(\tau) \theta_{ij}(2x) \theta_{ab}(-\tau) \theta_{kl}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad - \theta_{ab}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(2x) \theta_{11}(-\tau) \theta_{ij}(2y - 2\tau)]. \end{aligned}$$

To prove that f_{ab} and f'_{ab} satisfy (2.2) we will use Riemann's theta formulas labelled (R_i) in [9, p. 20]. Let $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + u + v)$, $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y - u - v)$, $u_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - y + u - v)$, and $v_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - y - u + v)$. The formulas (R_8) , (R_{13}) , (R_{16}) can be written in the short form as

$$\begin{aligned} 2\theta_{11}(x_1) \theta_{11}(y_1) \theta_{ab}(u_1) \theta_{ab}(v_1) \\ = \theta_{11}(x) \theta_{11}(y) \theta_{ab}(u) \theta_{ab}(v) - \theta_{ab}(x) \theta_{ab}(y) \theta_{11}(u) \theta_{11}(v) \\ + (-1)^{a+b} [\theta_{ij}(x) \theta_{ij}(y) \theta_{kl}(u) \theta_{kl}(v) - \theta_{kl}(x) \theta_{kl}(y) \theta_{ij}(u) \theta_{ij}(v)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for $x = \tau$, $y = 2x$, $u = -\tau$, and $v = 2y - 2\tau$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ab}(x, y - \tau) &= \gamma_{11}\gamma_{ab} 2\theta_{11}(x + y - \tau) \theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau) \\ &\quad \times \theta_{11}(x + y - \tau) \theta_{11}(y - x). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by (R_{19}) with $x = \tau$, $y = 2x$, $u = \tau$, and $v = 2y - 2\tau$, by (R_{20}) with $x = 2x$, $y = -\tau$, $u = \tau$, and $v = 2y - 2\tau$ and by (R_{21}) with $x = -\tau$, $y = \tau$, $u = 2x$, and $v = 2y - 2\tau$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{ab}(x, y - \tau) &= (-1)^a 2\gamma_{11}\gamma_{ab} \frac{\theta_{11}(\tau) \theta_{ab}(\tau)}{\theta_{ij}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(\tau)} \\ &\quad \times [\theta_{ij}(x + y - \tau) \theta_{ab}(x - y) \theta_{11}(y - x - 2\tau) \theta_{kl}(x + y - \tau)]. \end{aligned}$$

There are similar expressions with x and y interchanged. Using the fact that θ_{11} is odd and the other θ_{ab} are even and cross-multiplying the appropriate equations gives the desired functional equation.

To prove the converse define $\mathcal{S} = \{f \in V \otimes V : f \text{ satisfies (2.2)}\}$. We will show that $\dim \mathcal{S} = \dim I_2$. Let W be the space of theta functions such that for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$g(z+1) = g(z) \quad \text{and} \quad g(z+\eta) = e^{-4\pi i(2z+\eta-\tau)}g(z).$$

Write $\Lambda(W \otimes W)$ for the space of skew-symmetric tensors in $W \otimes W$. Since $\dim W = 4$ we have $\dim \Lambda(W \otimes W) = \binom{4}{2}$. To finish the proof we will show that the vector spaces \mathcal{S} and $\Lambda(W \otimes W)$ are isomorphic. Define a linear map $Y: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \Lambda(W \otimes W)$ by

$$Y(f)(x, y) = f(x, y - \tau) \frac{\theta_{11}(x - y)}{\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau)}.$$

By Lemma 2.1 with $c = -1$ we have that $\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau) = 0$ implies $f(x, y - \tau) = 0$, so $Y(f)$ is holomorphic. It is easy to check that $Y(f) \in W \otimes W$. Furthermore, since f satisfies (2.2) and θ_{11} is odd we have $Y(f)(x, y) = -Y(f)(y, x)$, so $Y(f)$ is skew-symmetric. Finally, since Y is injective and $\dim \mathcal{S} \geq 6$ the result follows. ■

COROLLARY 2.3. *If $f \in I_2$ then $f(\Delta_\tau) = 0$.*

An easy application of (2.2) is the following result, which is the main step in constructing finite dimensional irreducible representations of A (see [4, 8]).

THEOREM 2.4 [5, Theorem 2]. *Let $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ denote the space of meromorphic functions of \mathbb{C} . For each $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ is an A -module with the action of $X \in A_1$ on $g \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ given by*

$$(X \cdot g)(z) = \frac{X(z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z)} g(z + \tau) - \frac{X(-z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z)} g(z - \tau).$$

Proof. This action makes $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ a $T(V)$ -module so we must check that if $f \in I_2$ then for all $g \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ $f \cdot g = 0$. Let $X, Y \in V$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (X \otimes Y \cdot g)(z) &= \frac{X(z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau) Y(z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau + \tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z) \theta_{11}(2z + 2\tau)} g(z + 2\tau) \\ &\quad + \frac{X(-z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau) Y(-z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau + \tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z) \theta_{11}(2z - 2\tau)} g(z - 2\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$-\left(\frac{X(z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau) Y(-z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z) \theta_{11}(2z + 2\tau)} - \frac{X(-z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau) Y(z - \frac{1}{2}k\tau - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(2z) \theta_{11}(-2z + 2\tau)}\right) g(z).$$

Let $f \in I_2$ and consider $(f \cdot g)(z)$. The coefficient of $g(z)$ is zero by (2.2) and the coefficients of $g(z + 2\tau)$ and $g(z - 2\tau)$ are zero since f vanishes on \mathcal{A}_τ . Hence $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$ is an A -module. ■

In [4] Sklyanin found two central elements in A_2 , namely,

$$\Omega_1 = -X_{11}^2 + X_{00}^2 + X_{01}^2 + X_{10}^2$$

and

$$\Omega_2 = X_{00}^2 + \left(\frac{1 + \alpha_{00}}{1 - \alpha_{01}}\right) X_{01}^2 + \left(\frac{1 - \alpha_{00}}{1 + \alpha_{10}}\right) X_{10}^2.$$

Define the following preimages of Ω_1 and Ω_2 in $V \otimes V$:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_1 = -X_{11} \otimes X_{11} + X_{00} \otimes X_{00} + X_{01} \otimes X_{01} + X_{10} \otimes X_{10},$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_2 = X_{00} \otimes X_{00} + \left(\frac{1 + \alpha_{00}}{1 - \alpha_{01}}\right) X_{01} \otimes X_{01} + \left(\frac{1 - \alpha_{00}}{1 + \alpha_{10}}\right) X_{10} \otimes X_{10}.$$

The next result shows that elements of $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_2$ satisfy a simple functional equation. This equation will allow us to give short proof of Theorem 3.2.

PROPOSITION 2.5. *Let $\tilde{\Omega} \in V \otimes V$. Then $\tilde{\Omega} \in \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_2$ if and only if for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$*

$$\frac{\tilde{\Omega}(x, y - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau)} + \frac{\tilde{\Omega}(y, x - \tau)}{\theta_{11}(y - x + 2\tau)} = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. We will first show that $\tilde{\Omega}_1$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_2$ satisfy (2.3). By [9, p. 22, Addition Formulas (A₄), (A₆), (A₈), (A₉)] $\tilde{\Omega}_2$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_2 = & X_{00} \otimes X_{00} + \frac{\theta_{01}(2\tau) \theta_{01}(0) \theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(2\tau) \theta_{00}(0) \theta_{01}(\tau)^2} X_{01} \otimes X_{01} \\ & + \frac{\theta_{10}(2\tau) \theta_{10}(0) \theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(2\tau) \theta_{00}(0) \theta_{10}(\tau)^2} X_{10} \otimes X_{10}. \end{aligned}$$

We will use the Riemann's theta formula labelled (R_5) in [9, p. 20], which says that for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\theta_{11}(x_1) \theta_{11}(y_1) \theta_{11}(u_1) \theta_{11}(v_1) \\ &= \theta_{00}(x) \theta_{00}(y) \theta_{00}(u) \theta_{00}(v) - \theta_{01}(x) \theta_{01}(y) \theta_{01}(u) \theta_{01}(v) \\ &\quad - \theta_{10}(x) \theta_{10}(y) \theta_{10}(u) \theta_{10}(v) + \theta_{11}(x) \theta_{11}(y) \theta_{11}(u) \theta_{11}(v), \end{aligned}$$

where $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + u + v)$, $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y - u - v)$, $u_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - y + u - v)$, and $v_1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - y - u + v)$. Since $\theta_{11}(0) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_1(x, y - \tau) &= \sum_{kl} \gamma_{kl}^2 (\theta_{kl}(\tau) \theta_{kl}(-\tau) \theta_{kl}(2x) \theta_{kl}(2y - 2\tau)) \\ &= 2\theta_{11}(x + y - \tau)^2 \theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau) \theta_{11}(x - y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_2(x, y - \tau) &= \frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)} \sum_{kl} \gamma_{kl}^2 \theta_{kl}(0) \theta_{kl}(2\tau) \theta_{kl}(2x) \theta_{kl}(2y - 2\tau) \\ &= 2 \frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)} \theta_{11}(x + y) \theta_{11}(x + y - 2\tau) \\ &\quad \times \theta_{11}(x - y) \theta_{11}(x - y + 2\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

We obtain similar expressions with x and y interchanged. Using the fact that θ_{11} is odd and cross-multiplying the appropriate equations gives the desired functional equation.

To prove the converse we need to show that the space of elements in $V \otimes V$ which satisfy (2.3) is 2-dimensional. This follows from Lemma 2.1 with $c = 1$ and [7, 3.4, 3.9]. ■

COROLLARY 2.6. *If $\tilde{\Omega} \in \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_2$ then $\tilde{\Omega}(A_\tau) = 0$.*

Remarks. (a) A *point module* is a cyclic, graded A -module with Hilbert series $(1 - t)^{-1}$. By Corollaries 2.3, 2.6 we have that for each $p \in E$ there is a point module $M(p)$ for the algebra $A/\langle \Omega_1, \Omega_2 \rangle$. Using (2.2) and the geometry of E in \mathbb{P}^3 it can be shown that the point modules for A are parametrized by points of $E \cup \{4 \text{ points}\}$ (see [6] for details).

(b) Let $A_n(E, \tau) = T(V)/\langle R_A \rangle$ with $R_A \subset V \otimes V$ be the n -dimensional Sklyanin algebra defined by A. V. Odesskii and B. L. Feigin in [3, Sect. 2]. Let $\{X_k := \theta_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}\}$ be the basis of V (see [2, 3] for details). Write θ for a theta function satisfying

$$\theta(z + 1) = \theta(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta(z + \eta) = -e^{-2\pi iz} \theta(z).$$

Let $f \in V \otimes V$. Then $f \in R_A$ if and only if

$$\frac{f(x, y - 2\tau)}{\theta(x - y) \theta(y - x - n\tau)} + \frac{f(y, x - 2\tau)}{\theta(y - x) \theta(x - y - n\tau)} = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$. The idea for (2.6) was first suggested by the basis of R_A given in [3, Sect. 2].

3. LINE MODULES

A *line module* is a cyclic graded A -module with Hilbert series $(1 - t)^{-2}$. It is proved in [1] that line modules are in bijection with secant lines of E . Let $l_{pq} \subseteq \mathbb{P}(V^*) = \mathbb{P}^3$ be the secant line passing through points $p, q \in E$. If $u, v \in A_1$ are such that $\mathcal{V}(u, v) = l_{pq}$, then $A/Au + Av$ is a line module denoted by $M(p, q)$. Proposition 3.1, which should be compared with [2, 3.2; 1, 5.6], gives an explicit construction of $M(p, q)$ for most (p, q) .

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Fix $p, q \in E$ such that $p - q \notin \mathbb{Z} \cdot 2\tau$. Then $M(p, q)$ has basis $\{e_{ij} : (i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2\}$ with the property that if $X \in A_1$ then*

$$X \cdot e_j = \frac{X(q + (i - j)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i, j+1} - \frac{X(p + (j - i)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i+1, j}.$$

Proof. Let $p, q \in \mathbb{C}$ and define a graded $T(V)$ -module $M = \bigoplus M_n$, where $M_n = \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \mathbb{C} e_{ij}$, with above action. We will show that it is also an A -module and that up to isomorphism the module $M(p, q)$ depends only on the image of p, q in \mathbb{C}/A . First note that since $p - q \notin \mathbb{Z} \cdot 2\tau$, $\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau) \neq 0$ for all $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$, so the formula for $X \cdot e_{ij}$ makes sense. Let $X, Y \in V$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} X \otimes Y \cdot e_{ij} &= X \cdot \left(\frac{Y(q + (i - j)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i, j+1} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{Y(p + (j - i)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i+1, j} \right) \\ &= \frac{X(q + (i - j - 1)\tau) Y(q + (i - j)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j - 1)\tau) \theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i, j+2} \\ &\quad + \frac{X(p + (j - i - 1)\tau) Y(p + (j - i)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j + 1)\tau) \theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} e_{i+2, j} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{X(p + (j + 1 - i)\tau) Y(q + (i - j)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j - 1)\tau) \theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{X(q + (i + 1 - j)\tau) Y(p + (j - i)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j + 1)\tau) \theta_{11}(p - q - 2(i - j)\tau)} \right) e_{i+1, j+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence if $f \in V \otimes V$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot e_{ij} = & \frac{f(y-2\tau, y-\tau)}{\theta_{11}(x-y+2\tau)\theta_{11}(x-y)} e_{i,j+2} \\ & + \frac{f(x-2\tau, x-\tau)}{\theta_{11}(x-y-2\tau)\theta_{11}(x+y)} e_{i+2,j} \\ & - \left(\frac{f(x, y-\tau)}{\theta_{11}(x-y+2\tau)\theta_{11}(x-y)} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f(y, x-\tau)}{\theta_{11}(y-x+2\tau)\theta_{11}(x-y)} \right) e_{i+1,j+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where $x = p + (j+1-i)\tau$ and $y = q + (i+1-j)\tau$. Let $f \in I_2$ and consider $f \cdot e_{ij}$. The coefficient of $e_{i+1,j+1}$ is zero by (2.2) and the coefficients of $e_{i+2,j}$ and $e_{i,j+2}$ are zero since f vanishes on Δ_τ . Hence M is a graded A -module.

It remains to show that M is generated by M_0 . For $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ define the set $\mathcal{T}_{ij} = \{p + (j-i)\tau, q + (i-j)\tau\}$. By the hypothesis on $p-q$ each \mathcal{T}_{ij} has cardinality 2. Since each element of A_1 is a theta function of weight 4, it is determined up to a scalar multiple by its four zeroes [10]. Hence for each (i, j) there exists $X \in A_1$ such that X vanishes on one element of \mathcal{T}_{ij} and is nonzero on the other. Thus for all (i, j) there exist $X, Y \in A_1$ such that $X \cdot e_{ij} = e_{i+1,j}$ and $Y \cdot e_{ij} = e_{i,j+1}$. By induction it follows that M is generated by M_0 . $H_M(t) = (1-t)^{-2}$ and $\mathcal{V}(\text{Ann}_{A_1} e_{00}) = l_{pq}$, M is a line module isomorphic to $M(p, q)$.

To finish the proof we have to show that up to isomorphism the module $M(p, q)$ depends only on the image of p, q in \mathbb{C}/A . Let $p' \in p + A$ and $q' \in q + A$. Let $\{v_{ij} : (i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2\}$ be a basis for $M(p', q')$ such that

$$X * v_{ij} = \frac{X(q' + (i-j)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p' - q' - 2(i-j)\tau)} v_{i,j+1} - \frac{X(p' + (j-i)\tau)}{\theta_{11}(p' - q' - 2(i-j)\tau)} v_{i+1,j}.$$

If $p' = p + m$ and $q' = q$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then clearly $M(p, q) \cong M(p', q')$ via $e_{ij} \mapsto (-1)^{m(i+j)} v_{ij}$. Now let $p' = p + \eta$ and $q' = q$. Set

$$\alpha_1(i, j) = e^{-\pi i(6p + 2q + 4(j-i)\tau + 3\eta)} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_2(i, j) = -e^{\pi i(2(p-q) + 4(j-i)\tau + \eta)}.$$

Define the linear map $\Phi: M(p, q) \rightarrow M(p', q')$ by $\Phi(e_{ij}) = C_{ij} v_{ij}$, where the scalars $C_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$ are defined inductively by

$$C_{00} = 1, \quad C_{i+1,j} = \alpha_1(i, j) C_{ij}, \quad C_{i,j+1} = \alpha_2(i, j) C_{ij}.$$

An easy computation shows that Φ is an A -module isomorphism. ■

THEOREM 3.2. *Let $p, q \in E$. If $p + q = z$ then $M(p, q)$ is annihilated by*

$$\Omega = \frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0)\theta_{00}(2\tau)} \theta_{11}(z) \theta_{11}(z+2\tau) \Omega_1 - \theta_{11}(z+\tau)^2 \Omega_2.$$

Proof. View $M(p, q)$ as a $T(V)$ -module. Pick $p, q \in E$ such that $p + q = z$ and $p - q \notin \mathbb{Z} \cdot 2\tau$. Let $\{e_{ij}\}$ be the basis of $M(p, q)$ as in Proposition 3.1. Write $\tilde{\Omega}$ for the preimage of Ω in $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{\Omega}_2$. Since $\tilde{\Omega}$ vanishes on A_τ , (3.1) and (2.3) yield

$$\tilde{\Omega} \cdot e_{00} = -\frac{2\tilde{\Omega}(p+\tau, q)}{\theta_{11}(p-q+2\tau)\theta_{11}(p-q)} e_{11}.$$

Applying (2.4) and (2.5) with $x = p + \tau$ and $y = q + \tau$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_1(p+\tau, q) &= 2\theta_{11}(p+q+\tau)^2 \theta_{11}(p-q+2\tau) \theta_{11}(p-q), \\ \tilde{\Omega}_2(p+\tau, q) &= \frac{2\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0)\theta_{00}(2\tau)} \theta_{11}(p+q+2\tau) \theta_{11}(p+q) \\ &\quad \times \theta_{11}(p-q) \theta_{11}(p-q+2\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}(p+\tau, q) &= \frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0)\theta_{00}(2\tau)} \theta_{11}(p+q) \theta_{11}(p+q+2\tau) \tilde{\Omega}_1(p+\tau, q) \\ &\quad - \theta_{11}(p+q+\tau)^2 \tilde{\Omega}_2(p+\tau, q) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\tilde{\Omega} \cdot e_{00} = 0$ and so $\Omega \cdot e_{00} = 0$ in the A -module $M(p, q)$. Since Ω is central, $\Omega \cdot M(p, q) = 0$. Finally, by [1, 6.6] Ω annihilates all line modules $M(p, q)$ with $p + q = z$. ■

Remark. Write $\Omega(z)$ for Ω in Theorem 3.2. In this notation $\Omega_1 = \Omega(-\tau)$ and $\Omega_2 = \Omega(0)$.

Let $\text{Aut}(A)$ denote the group of automorphisms of A which preserve the grading. Fix an A -module M . For $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(A)$ define M^φ , the *twist* of M to be the A -module which is M as a \mathbb{C} -vector space with A -action given by $a * m = \varphi(a) \cdot m$ for all $a \in A$ and for all $m \in M$. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times$, then write φ_λ for the automorphism of A given by $\varphi_\lambda(a) = \lambda^n a$ for all $a \in A_n$. Hence we consider \mathbb{C}^\times as a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(A)$. By [8, Sect. 2] there is a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A) \rightarrow E_4 \rightarrow 1$$

and a group homomorphism $\Phi: E_4 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)/\mathbb{C}^\times$, where E_4 denotes the 4-torsion subgroup of E . If M is a graded module, then $M^{\varphi_\lambda} \cong M$ for all

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times$, so it is the action of $\text{Aut}(A)/\mathbb{C}^\times$ on the graded A -modules which is important.

COROLLARY 3.3. *Let $p, q \in E$ and $\xi = (1-b)/4 + ((1-a)/4)\eta \in E_4 \setminus \{0\}$, where $ab \in \{00, 01, 10\}$. Write $Z_2 = \mathbb{C}\Omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\Omega_2$. Then*

$$(a) \quad \text{Ann}_{Z_2} M(p, q) = \mathbb{C}\Omega(p + q).$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Ann}_{Z_2} M(p, q)^{\Phi(\xi)} = \mathbb{C}((\theta_{00}(\tau)^2/\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)) \theta_{ab}(p + q) \theta_{ab}(p + q + 2\tau) \Omega_1 - \theta_{ab}(p + q + \tau)^2 \Omega_2).$$

Proof. Part (a) is a consequence of Theorem 3.2 and [1, 6.1] which says that $\text{Ann}_{Z_2} M(p, q)$ is 1-dimensional.

(b) By [8, 2.3(c)] $M(p, q)^{\Phi(\xi)} \cong M(p + \xi, q + \xi)$. Hence by part (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ann}_{Z_2} M(p, q)^{\Phi(\xi)} &= \mathbb{C}\Omega(p + q + 2\xi) \\ &= \mathbb{C} \left(\frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)} \right. \\ &\quad \times \theta_{11}(p + q + 2\xi) \theta_{11}(p + q + 2\tau + 2\xi) \Omega_1 \\ &\quad \left. - \theta_{11}(p + q + \tau + 2\xi)^2 \Omega_2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

By [10, (8), p. 73] $\theta_{11}(z + (1-b)/4 + ((1-a)/4)\eta) = e^{\pi i [b/2 - (1-a)(\eta/4 + z)]} \theta_{ab}(z)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\Omega(p + q + 2\xi) \\ &= e^{\pi i [b - (1-a)(\eta/2 + 2(p+q+\tau))]} \left(\frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)} \theta_{ab}(p + q) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \theta_{ab}(p + q + 2\tau) \Omega_1 - \theta_{ab}(p + q + \tau)^2 \Omega_2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows. ■

Remark. When τ is of infinite order in E , then by [1, 6.3] the annihilator of a line module $M(p, q)$ is generated by $\Omega(p + q)$.

Theorem 3.2 allows us to give shorter proofs of some results in [1].

PROPOSITION 3.4 [1, 6.9]. *Let $z, z' \in E$. Then $\Omega(z) = \Omega(z')$ (up to a scalar multiple) if and only if $z = z'$ or $z + z' + 2\tau = 0$.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.2 we have $\Omega(z) = \Omega(z')$ if and only if

$$\theta_{11}(z) \theta_{11}(z + 2\tau) \theta_{11}(z' + \tau)^2 = \theta_{11}(z') \theta_{11}(z' + 2\tau) \theta_{11}(z + \tau)^2. \quad (3.2)$$

The Addition Formula labeled (4) in [10, p. 77] says that for all $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\theta_{01}(0)^2 \theta_{11}(u+v) \theta_{11}(u-v) = \theta_{11}(u)^2 \theta_{01}(v)^2 - \theta_{01}(u)^2 \theta_{11}(v)^2.$$

Thus (4) applied twice yields that (3.2) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \theta_{11}(z+\tau)^2 \theta_{01}(z'+\tau)^2 - \theta_{11}(z'+\tau)^2 \theta_{01}(z+\tau)^2 \\ &= \theta_{01}(0)^2 \theta_{11}(z+z'+2\tau) \theta_{11}(z-z') \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result. ■

PROPOSITION 3.5 [1, 6.13]. *Every element $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}\Omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\Omega_2$ annihilates some line module.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.2 it is enough to show that every element of $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}\Omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\Omega_2) \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ is of the form $\Omega(z)$ for some $z \in E$. Define a map $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}\Omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\Omega_2)$ by

$$F(u) = \frac{\theta_{00}(\tau)^2}{\theta_{00}(0) \theta_{00}(2\tau)} \frac{\theta_{11}(u) \theta_{11}(u+2\tau)}{\theta_{11}(u+\tau)^2}.$$

Since $F(u+1) = F(u)$ and $F(u+\eta) = F(u)$, $F: E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is a nonconstant holomorphic mapping of Riemann surfaces. Since E is compact, F is surjective. Hence the result. ■

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